**“MEASURE OF A MAN” *(GIFT NYIRENDA)***

During the episode the ways of knowing which I feel were used the most are emotion, reason and perception.

The prosecutor which is commander Riker asks data to bend very hard metal so that he could instill in the people that he was not a human because that was not humanly possible. He also asks Data to say how smart he is and his processing speed is unbelievable and the jury would see him as being more machine than human. Commander Riker also switches him off to show the same thing. People often believe what they see and that was his point, to fortify his argument. Captain Picard defends data by trying to perceive him as any other person and not a machine by showing the medals that Data had obtained in his service with the star fleet and that everyone sees data as a member of the star fleet and is therefore accustomed to his own rights and this further fortified his argument.

I feel emotion played a role in the ruling of Data because people will mostly make their decisions based on their emotions and Picard used a hologram of a girl whom Data was intimate with. And this made them feel compassion and that Data also had feelings and that he was not merely a machine. This could be seen that it played an effect because when Picard showed the hologram the reaction on the face of the judge could be seen. Throughout the episode they were many emotions that were portrayed; ‘anger’ when Picard was asking data not to be transferred and his suggestion was denied.’ Sadness’, this was when the crew thought data was getting a transfer and it was a depressing scene.

The way of knowing that was used the most and which I think was most relevant is that of ‘reason’. When proposed with the transfer by Madox, Data asks Captain Picard, if they want more androids they can implant cybernetic eyes in humans so that they can see things they way androids do. Many questions related to reason are raised such as, “Can a computer of star fleet refuse a refit?” What Madox meant was that since Data is also a computer and is property of star fleet therefore he cannot refuse anything that is suggested of him. Another question that I feel won the argument was “why is Captain Richard centian and Data not?” for a person to be centian they have to possess these three characteristics. Self-awareness, Intelligence and conscience and data possessed self-awareness since he knew what he was. His intelligence was shown when he was asked to define the word android and he managed to be very specific on the dictionary it was taken from and other details. Data showed that he has a conscience when he was asked why he kept the medals rather than throwing them away and he replied by saying that they have significance to him and that it means something and that he was even able to have feelings for someone. But despite ‘reason’ being the way of knowing which was most significant and which is most focused on but ‘emotion’ is also quite important because the two WOK encompass each other and that one cannot merely stand on its own. It is not possible to stir an emotion without having a reason. Therefore these two emotions will always be together.